



Westleigh Methodist Primary School  
Weekly Newsletter: WC 20<sup>th</sup> September



Headteacher's Update from Mrs Chadwick

Congratulations to the Year 6 prefects who had to apply for their position in writing, attend an interview and show a good understanding of our Core School Values. They have been presented with their badges in assembly this week and will commence their special duties around school next week. Well done, we are so proud of you all.

**Key Notices**

Please can we kindly remind all children and parents that no children should be playing on the park at the end of the playground before or after school. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Dates for your diary**

- **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – the children will have an assembly with The Lily Jo Project, focusing on understanding and supporting their well-being and mental health.
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October** – Harvest Celebration in school and videos will be sent home to parents. More information to follow.
- October half term Sports Camp at Bedford Hall led by Elite – please see Parentmail email and book on by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October** to secure your place.
- Y6 High School Place application deadline is **31<sup>st</sup> October**.

**COVID Updates**

Please remember to social distance when speaking to staff and if your child displays any symptoms then please book them in for a PCR test, this will help to keep our school community safe.

**Attendance Winners**

**Whole School: 95.4%**

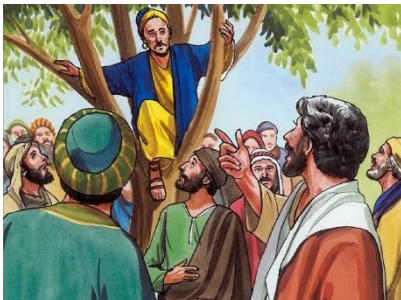
This week's Class Attendance Winners are:

**1<sup>st</sup>: Reception- 96.7%**

2<sup>nd</sup>: Y5 - 96.6%

3<sup>rd</sup>: Y4 and Y6 -95.7 %

**Worship**



Worship's focus this week has been Small Man, Big Welcome. We have been exploring how we can make others feel welcome and how it makes us feel when we are not made to feel welcome. We have read Luke Chapter 19, in the bible, about a man name Zacchaeus and explored how he was made to feel. We have had many visitors in school this week and we have all worked hard to make them feel welcome and happy to be apart of our Westleigh family.

We also all enjoyed an informative assembly with EduKid, learning how we as a school community can support children gain an education in Uganda. We learnt about the poverty they struggle with and how we can support the charity through fundraising – look out for more information on this.

## School Chaplain's Update from Vicky Tyrrell

You might have noticed on Twitter, we've been collecting seeds from plants in the school garden and are taking part in a community seed swap next weekend.



### SEED SAVING TIPS



Let pods age on the vine until brown. You can also store the entire plant upside down in a warm area until pods dry out. Cross-pollination could affect the purity of the bean seeds in the future. Pole beans are more likely to cross.



Collect seeds when fruit dies and when the fruit separates easily. Remove the membrane of the seed by rinsing and gently rubbing with fingers.



Harvest seed when cucumbers are fully ripe and yellow.



Collect seeds when plant begins to shrivel. Dry out seeds. Peppers from the same species could cross.



Most sunflowers are hybrids. Save heirloom seeds if you want flower to stay true. Hang flower heads upside down by a short length of stalk in a cool, dry place. Once dry, remove the seeds and keep dry until planting.



Let seed pods dry on the plant. Bag the plant to capture the seeds because they will progressively fall off from the bottom to top. Do not save seeds from plants that bolt too soon because the seeds may produce future plants that go to seed prematurely.



Remove seeds 3 weeks after harvesting. Varieties within the same species could cross. Rinse off membranes and dry well.



Save seeds when fruit is full color and firm, but still tender to the touch. Remove the protective cover covering the seed. Cross-pollination may occur with wild or currant tomatoes, but most popular types will not cross.



Harvest seed when squash has a hard skin and is too ripe to eat.



Collect seeds when plant dies. Peas do not cross-pollinate.



Remove fibers and membranes by rinsing. When dropped into a glass of water, viable seeds will sink to the bottom. Seeds that float may not germinate well.

It is part of a wider FREE family event called "Leigh Fun Palace" and is taking place at The Turnpike (above Leigh Library) from 10am - 5pm on Saturday 2nd Oct

If you have any seeds you want to bring along and swap at the Fun Palace, you'll be more than welcome, and there'll be volunteers on hand to chat and give advice about general gardening

Hope to see you there!

### Star of the Week



### Core Values Champion



#### **Year 6**

Jake for offering fantastic ideas and showing real enthusiasm in English.

Shannon for showing respect and responsibility to ensure the playground and classroom are always looking their best.

#### **Year 5**

Mason H for showing an improved attitude to learning this week.

Alicia for always showing respect and responsibility in being a class role model.

#### **Year 4**

Abigail for always demonstrating a positive attitude and striving to achieve her goals.

Olivia for displaying fantastic friendship and being an excellent friend to others.

#### **Year 3**

Maddison for having a very positive attitude towards her learning and ALWAYS finding ways to improve.

Blake for working extremely hard in all of his lessons and proving that he is resilient.

#### **Year 2**

Lexi for always showing 100% effort in her learning.

Jessica for always showing respect to her teachers, friends and in her learning.

#### **Year 1**

Autumn for showing lots of independence when working in our English lessons.

Saleeha for always using her manners when talking to her friends or adults.

#### **Reception**

Kayla for always being willing to help others.

Jake for showing resilience and a positive attitude when coming into school.

#### **Nursery**

Oliver for having a positive attitude and trying his best.

Skyler for being a good friend to her peers.

### **Visit our Twitter Pages**

Please visit your child's class Twitter page to see all of the amazing work that is happening each week. We are using Twitter to really showcase the incredible curriculum opportunities that our children receive at Westleigh!



Westleigh School: @WLMPrimary

Nursery: @WLMNursery

Reception: @ReceptionWLM

Year 1: @WLMYear1

Year 2: @WLMyear21

Year 3: @WLMYear3

Year 4: @WLMYear4

Year 5: @WLMYear5

Year 6: @WLMYear6